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1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED FROM LOCAL BUSINESSMEN THAT EPMG NATIONALIZED AT LEAST TWO MORE FIRMS WITHOUT PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OVER PAST FEW DAYS. WE HAVE SINCE CONFIRMED WITH NEW MANAGER OF SARRIS WINE FACTORY, WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR HALF OF ETHIOPIA'S WINE OUTPUT, THAT FIRM WAS COMPLETELY NATIONALIZED MARCH 30, WHEN A MINISTRY OF NATIONAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT OFFICIAL PRESENTED LETTER TO GREEK NATIONAL FORMER OWNER. OTHER FIRM IS SMALL WOODWORKING PLANT.

2. COMMENT: FROM ABOVE, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT EPMG WILL NOW NATIONALIZE FIRMS IT FEELS IMPORTANT WITHOUT MUCH PUBLICITY AND, WHILE WINE FACTORY DOES NOT STRICTLY SPEAKING FIT INTO EITHER CATEGORY OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY WHICH GOVERNMENT DETERMINED
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SHOULD BE UNDETAKEN EXCLUSIVELY OR PARTLY BY THE STATE,
IT IS IN KEEPING WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE FEBRUARY 3 DECLARATION

ON NATIONALIZATION. MOST OF THE LARGER WOODWORKING PLANTS WERE
PARTLY NATIONALIZED ON FEBRUARY 3.
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